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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-TURKISH COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS

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1. OUR QUIET EFFORTS TO PERSUADE TURKISH CHARGE AND EGYPTIAN ANA DIRECTOR, GENERAL FARAG, TO ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT IN NARCOTICS CONTROL MATTERS SEEM TO BE PAYING OFF. LAST NIGHT TURKISH CHARGE KAPASAPAN MADE A POINT OF TELLING AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBOFFS THAT HE IS NOW IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH FARAG. HE HAD ALREADY CALLED ON FARAG TWICE AND EXPECTS FARAG TO CALL AT TURKISH EMBASSY COMING WEEK. KARASAPAN DESCRIBED EGYPTIAN COOPERATION AS EXCELLENT, NOTING THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN COMPLETE INFORMATION ON RECENT OPIUM/HASHISH SEIZURES AT PORT SAID (CAIRO 16505), WHICH INVOLVED SOME OPIUM OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THIS DEVELOPMENT. NOTING OUR EXPERIENCE THAT SENSITIVE MATTERS CAN BEST BE HANDLED BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE CONCERNED GOE OFFICIALS, RATHER THAN THROUGH THE MORE IMPERSONAL MFA, AMBASSADOR URGED KARASAPAN TO

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CONTINUE TO DEVELOP NEWLY ESTABLISHED DIRECT RELATION-

SHIP WITH FARAG. AMBASSADOR REMINED KARASAPAN
THAT BOTH EGYPTIANS AND TURKS HAVE COMMON INTEREST
IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO COOPERATE
TO THIS END. MOREOVER, FORGING SUCH COOPERATION WILL
DEPEND UPON THE EXTENT TO WHICH BOTH PARTIES ARE
CANDID WITH EACH OTHER.
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